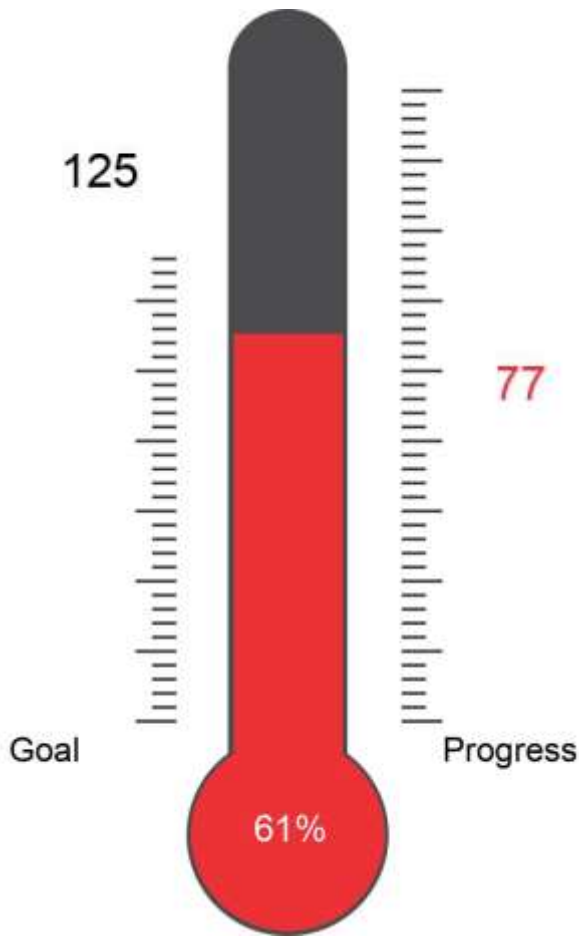


St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

PUSH TO STEWARDSHIP APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Let's work together! Our Push Goal is to have **125 Stewards** Pledged by **March 7th**. Our goal for the year is 190. Let us start the year off right with a solid push!



Goal: 125 Stewards

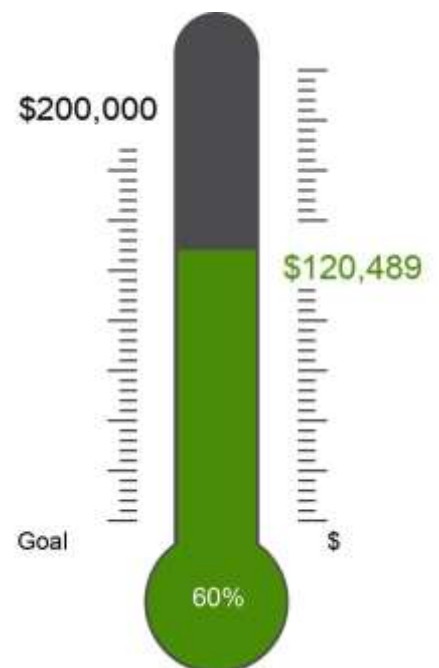
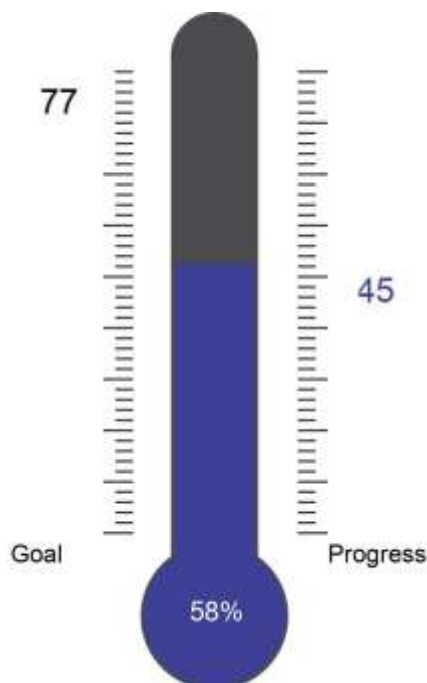
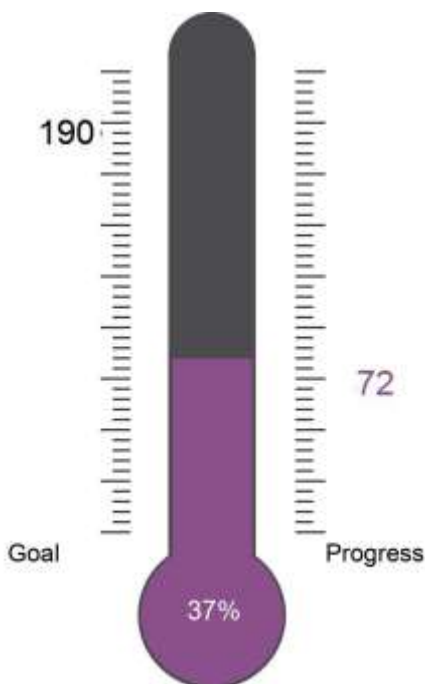
Current 77 Stewards

% of Goal 61%

STEWARDS

MINISTRY PARTICIPATION

PLEDGED STEWARDSHIP



As of January 13, 2021

This year, the Stewardship Committee has set an additional challenge to our Stewards for the 2021 Year. We challenge each Steward to become a member of at least one Ministry of our Parish. With so many to choose from, this should be an easy task! If you want to volunteer, we have philanthropy ministries. If you want to get involved in the life of the Church, we have ministries for that too! Even during COVID-19 there are so many things to do! Join us in making our parish more complete by your presence!

Stewardship Appreciation Sunday!



In normal years, as a thank you to our Stewards who make the Ministries of St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church possible, the Stewardship Committee would offer a delicious Luncheon. This year, the committee will find a new way to show our appreciation to you all. Stay tuned! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Join us at 8:15 a.m. on January 31st for the 15th Sunday of Luke

You can watch our services by clicking on any of the links to our Live Stream. Please subscribe for regular update



We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



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OUR CHURCH IS WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ 15th Sunday of Luke
- ◇ Holy Women Martyrs Theodote, Theoktiste and Eudoxia
- ◇ Cyrus & John the Unmercenaries

For Christ's presence is like that of some life-giving, scented balsam which restores health, enriches life and gives savor to the soul, the thoughts, the words of a man. In brief, distance from Christ means corruption and death, and closeness to Him means salvation and life.

Christ is the salvation that comes, and Zacchaeus is the house to which He comes.

Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic

Prolog, 4 February

closeness to Christ, Zacchaeus, sycamore tree, salvation has come to this house, Zachaeus

Narthex Duty:

Welcoming Ministry: NA during Covid

Orthros Reader: NA during Covid

Memorial:

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



Ss. Cyrus & John the Unmercenarys

These Saints lived during the years of Diocletian. Saint Cyrus was from Alexandria, and Saint John was from Edessa of Mesopotamia. Because of the persecution of that time, Cyrus fled to the Gulf of Arabia, where there was a small community of monks. John, who was a soldier, heard of Cyrus' fame and came to join him. Henceforth, they passed their life working every virtue, and healing every illness and disease freely by the grace of Christ; hence their title of "Unmercenarys." They heard that a certain woman, named Athanasia, had been apprehended together with her three daughters, Theodora, Theoctiste, and Eudoxia, and taken to the tribunal for their confession of the Faith. Fearing lest the tender young maidens be terrified by the torments and renounce Christ, they went to strengthen them in their contest in martyrdom; therefore they too were seized. After Cyrus and John and those sacred women had been greatly tormented, all were beheaded in the year 292. Their tomb became a renowned shrine in Egypt, and a place of universal pilgrimage. It was found in the area of the modern day resort near Alexandria named Abu Kyr.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.

February

2: The Entrance of the Lord into the Temple **8:** St. Theodore the Commander
10: St. Haralambos the Priest Martyr **25:** St. Fotini

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion

1st Tone

Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone by the Judeans and Your most sacred body, O Savior, was guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Christ, and gave life to all the world. Wherefore all the heavenly Powers proclaimed that You are the Giver of Life. Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your Dispensation, O You, who alone love mankind.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος α'

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε.

Apolytikion for Unmercenaries

Cyrus & John

Plagal of the 1st Tone

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou alone art good and the Friend of man.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος Πλ. α'

Τὰ θαύματα τῶν Ἁγίων σου Μαρτύρων, τεῖχος ἀκαταμάχητον ἡμῖν δωρησάμενος, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, βουλὰς Ἑθνῶν διασκέδασον, τῆς Βασιλείας τὰ σκῆπτρα κραταίωσον, ὡς μόνος ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

Apolytikion for the Church

1st Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξηλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογμάτισας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

1st Tone

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος α'

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νὺν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα
Τιμόθεον α' 4: 9-15.

Πρὸς

The reading is from St. Paul's
First Letter to Timothy 4: 9-15.

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ
πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο
γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ
ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ
θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶν σωτὴρ πάντων
ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα
πιστῶν. Παραγγελε ταῦτα καὶ
δίδασκε. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος
καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου
τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν
ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι,
ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι,
πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ
παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ
ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ
ἐδόθη σοι διὰ προφητείας μετὰ
ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ
πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν
τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ
φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure
and worthy of full acceptance. For
to this end we toil and suffer
reproach, because we have our
hope set on the living God, who is
the Savior of all men, especially of
those who believe. Command and
teach these things. Let no one
despise your youth, but set the
believers an example in speech and
conduct, in love, in faith, in
purity. Till I come, attend to the
public reading of scripture, to
preaching, to teaching. Do not
neglect the gift you have, which
was given to you by prophetic
utterance when the council of
elders laid their hands upon
you. Practice these duties, devote
yourself to them, so that all may see
your progress.



ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 19: 1-10
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

The Reading is from Luke 19: 1-10

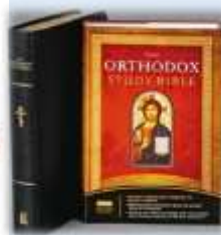
Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν
158 καὶ προδραμῶν ἔμπροσθεν
ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ
αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμελλε
διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἤλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν
τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ἡ ἡσοῦς εἶδεν
αὐτόν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν ·
Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατὰβηθι ·
σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με
μεῖναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ
ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ
ιδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον
λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἀμαρτωλῶ ἀνδρὶ
εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ
Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον ·
ιδού τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων
μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς,
καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα,
ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ
πρὸς αὐτόν ἡ ἡσοῦς ὅτι σήμερον
σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ
ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς
ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἤλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ
ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ
ἀπολωλός.

At that time, Jesus was passing
through Jericho. And there was a
man named Zacchaios; he was a
chief collector, and rich. And he
sought to see who Jesus was, but
could not, on account of the crowd,
because he was small of stature. So
he ran on ahead and climbed up into
a sycamore tree to see him, for he
was to pass that way. And when
Jesus came to the place, he looked
up and said to him, "Zacchaios,
make haste and come down; for I
must stay at your house today." So
he made haste and came down, and
received him joyfully. And when
they saw it they all murmured, "He
has gone in to be the guest of a man
who is a sinner." And Zacchaios
stood and said to the Lord, "Behold,
Lord, the half of my goods I give to
the poor; and if I have defrauded
any one of anything, I restore it
fourfold." And Jesus said to him,
"Today salvation has come to this
house, since he also is a son of
Abraham. For the Son of man came
to seek and to save the lost. "

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



St. Basil
Greek Orthodox Church
of Chicago, Illinois



When: Tuesday Mornings –
10:00 am – 11:00 am

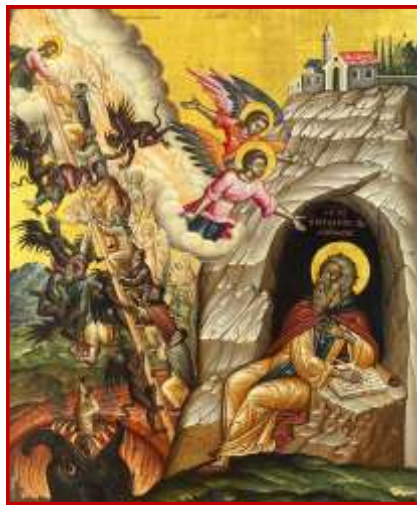
Where: ONLINE VIA

Bible Study
Covid-19
Fall: Acts of
the Apostles



Participate in a Zoom Meeting Watch on Facebook Live and ask questions in the comments

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church



Online
Adult Religious Education

The Ladder of
Divine Ascent

Acquire the Heavenly Virtues and love God more fully

November 11 - April 14

Join us online each week

Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Classroom

<https://zoom.us/j/97901297537>

Meeting ID: 979 0129 7537

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To Sign Up to attend Divine Services
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If a family member is unable to use Signup Genius, please call the Church Office and Vicky will help sign that individual up.

Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

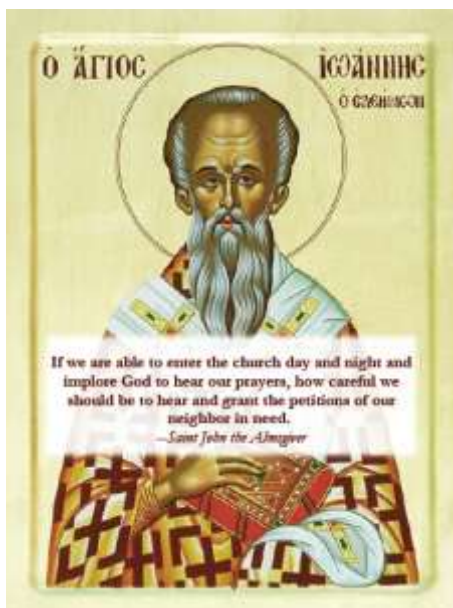
- Sunday, January 31, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
- Monday, February 1, 7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting
- Tuesday, February 2, 6:30am - Early Morning Liturgy for The Entrance of the Lord into the Temple
 - Tuesday, February 2, 10:00am - Bible Study
- Saturday, February 6, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, February 7, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
- Monday, February 8, 6:30am - Divine Liturgy for St. Theodore the Commander
- Tuesday, February 9, 7:00pm - Great Vespers for St. Haralambos (at Niles parish)
- Tuesday, February 9, 7:00pm - Philoptochos Zoom Meeting
- Wednesday, February 10, 6:30am - Early Morning Liturgy for St. Haralambos
 - Wednesday, February 10, 5:30pm - Paraklisis
- Wednesday, February 10, 5:30pm - Online Adult Religious Education Class

Parish News and Events

St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2020?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

IMPORTANT: Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 First Day of Black History Month Parish Council 7:00 pm	2 6:30 am Early Morning Liturgy of the Presentation of the Lord into the Temple 10:00 am Bible Study	3	4	5 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	6 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
7 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School	8 6:30 am Early Morning Liturgy for St. Theodore the Commander	9 7:00 pm Great Vespers for St. Haralambos (at Niles parish) 7:00 pm Philoptochos Zoom Meeting	10 6:30 am Early Morning Liturgy for St. Haralambos Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Haralambos (at St. Niles parish) 8:30 am Paraklesis	11	12 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	13 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
14 11:00 am Valentine's Day St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School	15 President's Day (regional holiday)	16 10:00 am Bible Study	17 5:30 pm Paraklesis 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	18	19 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	20 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
21 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School	22	23 10:00 am Bible Study	24 5:30 pm Paraklesis 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	25	26 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy for St. Photini	27 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
28 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School						

Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.

I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite



I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses

\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil

77 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged

\$120,489.00

Dollar Amount Collected

\$26,200.00

Average Pledge

\$1564.79

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device

